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ROANOKE

Several Residences Destroyed by Fire in Salem.

Recruiting Office Opened—Norfolk & Western Columbus Representatives—Called Up Higher—Death of Mr. J. Franklin.

Roanoke, Va., March 14.—Fire broke out yesterday morning in the residence of Alfred and William Peel, on Broad street, and before any assistance could be given the building was burned to the ground. The residence of Dr. W. R. Renalds, next door, caught on fire and in a few minutes also was completely destroyed. Nothing was saved from the Peel house, while only a few pieces of furniture were saved from Dr. Renalds. The fire is supposed to have originated in a defective flue. Only a servant girl was in the Peel house when the fire broke out. Dr. Renalds' wife, who is an invalid, was carried to the house of a neighbor, and is in a very nervous condition. Both houses, with their furniture, were insured. The house of Judge W. W. Moffet, close by, caught on fire twice, but the flames were put out and no damage was done. This morning early three houses on Chapman street, belonging to colored families, were completely destroyed by fire, together with the contents. No lives lost. No insurance. Origin not known.

Captain Price arrived here this morning to open a recruiting office for the regular army. White men are wanted for artillery, and white and colored for cavalry and infantry. Captain Price says there have been many requests from parties desiring to enlist, who have not the money to pay railroad fare. If they will notify him he will go after them and pay expenses.

TO OPEN OFFICE IN COLUMBIA.

Mr. DeLoe Thomas, division freight agent of the Norfolk and Western Railway, is in Columbia, S. C., arranging to establish offices there to solicit business for the Norfolk and Western at that place. He stated to a reporter for the State that J. J. Griffin, formerly assistant general freight agent of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia system, a most competent railroad man, would be in Columbia in a few days to take charge of the offices as commercial agent of the system.

DEATH OF A CHILD.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Nelson sympathize with them in the death of their bright little five-year-old daughter, Sadie, who occurred at the residence on Roanoke street at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Interment at Fairview Cemetery.

VINTON'S POSTMASTER DEAD.

Mr. H. J. Franklin, postmaster of Vinton, died there yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock. He was stricken with paralysis some two weeks ago, and grew gradually worse all the time. Mr. Franklin was a native of Bedford, but has been a resident of Vinton for a number of years. He was at one time mayor of the town. His wife has been dead for a number of years, and his two children, a son and a daughter, are living in the West. The funeral took place from the M. E. Church, of which he was a member, this afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. T. Collins, and the interment was in the Calvary burying ground, in Bedford county.

LEXINGTON,

OFFICERS ELECTED—PORTRAIT PRESENTED—MR. HUGHES LECTURES.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Lexington, Va., March 14.—The Y. M. C. A. of Washington and Lee University has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: President, C. C. McNeill, of Virginia; Vice President, S. B. McPheters, of South Carolina; Recording Secretary, J. McC. Sieg, of Virginia; Treasurer, Robert Glasgow, Jr., of Virginia; Corresponding Secretary, T. D. Sloan, of West Virginia.

PORTRAIT PRESENTED.

Mrs. Virginia Coynor Hamilton, of Parkersburg, W. Va., has presented to the Washington Literary Society of the University, a handsomely framed portrait of Rev. Dr. Henry Alexander White. The presentation speech was made to the society by the president, Mr. M. C. Perrow, of Lynchburg, Va., at their regular meeting Saturday night. The picture was adorned the walls of the society hall, where portraits of other distinguished alumni hang.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S SERMON.

President William L. Wilson has gained the hearty applause of the students by stating to them his willingness to co-operate with them in making the baseball season of '99 a glorious success. He then devoted somewhat from his usual plan of never preaching and mentioned the fact that students on entering Washington and Lee University pledged their honor to conform to all regulations, therefore in violating any of them a student broke the highest pledge he could give.

A NORFOLK LECTURER.

Mr. Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, Va., who is now delivering a series of law lectures before the senior law class of Washington and Lee, is a dis-

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tinguished master of arts of the University of Virginia, and is one of the most prominent lawyers in his section of the State. He is a trustee of William and Mary College, and in 1896 presided over the Virginia Bar Association.

The orators have been elected for the final celebration of the literary societies at commencement, in June, to co-operate for a medal offered by the University. The Graham-Lee representatives are Messrs. E. B. Pancake, of W. Va., and R. W. Withers, of Va.; from the Washington, Messrs. E. D. Ott, of Va., and T. A. Bledsoe, of Va. Professor W. S. Currell has returned from New Orleans, where he delivered several lectures before the Catholic Winter School of that city. The New Orleans press spoke in very complimentary terms of Dr. Currell's appearance in that city.

LYNCHBURG.

Lynchburg, Va., March 14.—Mrs. W. S. Gregory, daughter of the late John Tyree, died Sunday, aged 51 years. She had a large connection in Richmond and Manchester.

The baseball pavilion at Rivermont Park was completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The fire is thought to have been the work of negroes or tramps. The pavilion was insured for \$800 and will be rebuilt.

The United States Court began its sessions here to-day. It is expected that the case of T. D. Berry, charged with embezzling the funds of the defunct First National Bank of Bedford County, will be tried this term.

A Mad Stone Held.

Leesburg, Va., March 14.—The most interesting event of yesterday, court day, was the reselling of the famous and lately much-written-up mad stone, which has been in the Fred family here for 130 years, and has never failed to cure bites or rabid dogs, snakes, etc. It was sold at December court for \$450 to one of the bidders. An "outlet" bid of 10 per cent. was put in, and the court ordered a new sale. This resulted yesterday in its being started at \$495 and its advance to \$652.50, at which sum it was cried off to Dr. C. B. Turner, of Snickersville, Loudoun county. It will remain here to continue its good work.

NEWPORT NEWS

Oyster Dredgers Arrested For Illegal TONGING.

Cases Continued Until Saturday—J. Tresscott Leach Wanted at Williamsburg—A Mysterious Explosion Heard—Personal Mention.

Newport News, Va., March 14.—Three oyster dredgers were arrested on the river yesterday afternoon on the charge of illegal tonging.

The men were arrested on complaint of one of the owners of the beds in the vicinity of Mulberry Island, and later released on \$1,000 bail each, Mr. Wright going on their bond.

The cases were continued until Saturday morning and will be heard at Lee Hall.

The names of the three dredgers could not be learned here to-day, but it is stated that they are well known and that considerable interest is manifested in the county in their cases.

J. TRESSCOTT LEACH WANTED.
The police here have been requested to look out for a man giving his name as J. Tresscott Leach, and claiming Boston as his home, who went to Williamsburg several weeks ago ostensibly to deliver a lecture. He refused to pay the license required by the town, and did not lecture, but remained a few days looking around the town. His beard bill coming due, he paid same by check drawn on the National Shawnee Bank, Boston. Of course, he made the check a little larger than the bill he owed to get the difference, and the check came back protested for non-payment. Leach is of light complexion and an ordinary individual, whose appearance is not at all attractive. He left Williamsburg for Newport News.

A MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION.
A mysterious explosion, origin unknown, was heard and felt here this morning shortly before noon. It is believed the discharge either came from the fort or some naval vessel in the Roads. The shock was most perceptible in the court-house, which trembled for an instant, causing the windows to rattle as if they would fall to pieces.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Ralph Riddleberger, a well known young Washington attorney and son of the late Senator Riddleberger, is in the city looking over the field with a view to locating here.

Postmaster Fred Read returned this morning from a business trip to Washington.

WILL AROUSE INTEREST.

I think the Virginian-Pilot's studies in literature will arouse interest and will prove advantageous to all, especially to those who have not easy access to authorities on the subjects chosen.

MARY EVELYN STEGER, Assistant Principal and Teacher of English, Leach-Wood Seminary.

THE PLAN IS EXCELLENT.

I hail with pleasure the coming of the "Home Study Circle." It is a capital idea and will be of real service to those who use it. It is just the thing a newspaper should do. The plan is excellent. W. T. WILLIAMS, Pastor Leakes Memorial M. E. Church.

BROAD AND COMPREHENSIVE.
Office of Public School Board and Superintendent, Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23, 1899.

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I feel well assured that much benefit will be derived from their careful personal and promote a stimulus to further study along the lines presented.

Any project which tends to cultivate a taste and desire for reading and studying good books should receive the commendation of all good citizens in the community.

MICHAEL A. DOBIE.

THE OLD DOMINION

Brief Items of Interest Picked Up Here and There.

Rev. Dr. B. W. Mebane, who has been ill so long, has returned from Clifton Springs, N. Y., much improved in health and will soon be able, it is thought, to resume his duties as pastor of the Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church.

Watkins, Cottrell & Co., of Richmond, bought at public auction in Williamsburg a 500-acre farm in James City county, paying \$2,075 for it.

Sunday James Dull, a carpenter, employed by the Smith Fuel Company, died from the effect of a kick in the abdomen, from a mule, received by him the day previously.

The Southern Railway Company will build a handsome new stone and brick passenger depot at Danville, to cost \$30,000.

Elias McKeever, a farmer living near Capon Bridge, Frederick county, committed suicide yesterday by hanging himself to one of the timbers in his barn. His mind had been unbalanced for some time. McKeever was 60 years old and leaves a wife and three children.

T. W. Booth, a prominent citizen of Appomattox county, is dead.

Dr. C. E. Chamberlayne, a prominent physician of Middleburg, Loudoun county, died Sunday night.

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